

IRANIAN THREAT NETWORK

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine defeating the Iranian threat network, focusing on options for countering Iranian proxies, after receiving testimony from J. Matthew McInnis, American Enterprise Institute, and Melissa G. Dalton, Center for Strategic and International Studies International Security Program, both of Washington, D.C.

RETALIATORY CRIMINAL REFERRALS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism concluded a hearing to examine whether additional firewalls are needed to protect Congressional oversight staff from retaliatory criminal referrals, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey H. Smith, Arnold and Porter LLP, and William Pittard, KaiserDillon PLLC, both of Washington, D.C.; and Scott Horton, Columbia Law School, Pelham, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 6439–6446; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 106; and H. Res. 945–947, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 944, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5143) to provide greater transparency and congressional oversight of international insurance standards setting processes, and for other purposes; providing for proceedings during the period from December 9, 2016, through January 3, 2017; and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 114–846).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Valadao to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Streamlining Energy Efficiency for Schools Act: H.R. 756, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide for the dissemination of information regarding available Federal programs relating to energy efficiency projects for schools;

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Power And Security Systems Act: H.R. 6375, to provide for consideration of the extension under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of nonapplication of No-Load Mode energy efficiency standards to certain security or life safety alarms or surveillance systems;

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Childhood Cancer Survivorship, Treatment, Access, and Research Act: H.R. 3381, amended, to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments;

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Expanding Capacity for Health Outcomes Act: S. 2873, to require studies and reports examining the use of, and opportunities to use, technology-enabled collaborative learning and capacity building models to improve programs of the Department of Health and Human Services;

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Improving Broadband Access for Veterans Act of 2016: H.R. 6394, to require the Federal Communications Commission to submit to Congress a report on promoting broadband Internet access service for veterans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 604;

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that access to digital communications tools and connectivity is necessary to prepare youth in the United States to compete in the 21st century economy: H. Res. 939, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that access to digital communications tools and connectivity is necessary to prepare youth in the United States to compete in the 21st century economy, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 605;

Pages H7200–01, H7250–51

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to third-party charges on consumer telephone bills: H. Res. 932, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to third-party charges on consumer telephone bills;

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National Park Service Centennial Act: H.R. 4680, amended, to prepare the National Park Service for its Centennial in 2016 and for a second century

of promoting and protecting the natural, historic, and cultural resources of our National Parks for the enjoyment of present and future generations;

Pages H7203–08

Northern Mariana Islands Economic Expansion Act: H.R. 6401, to amend Public Law 94–241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands;

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Providing for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon: S. 817, to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon;

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Amending the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections: S. 818, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections;

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Cross-Border Trade Enhancement Act: H.R. 875, amended, to provide for alternative financing arrangements for the provision of certain services and the construction and maintenance of infrastructure at land border ports of entry;

Pages H7215–20

Jeff Miller and Richard Blumenthal Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2016: H.R. 6416, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 606;

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Ethical Patient Care for Veterans Act of 2016: H.R. 5399, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that physicians of the Department of Veterans Affairs fulfill the ethical duty to report to State licensing authorities impaired, incompetent, and unethical health care activities;

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Faster Care for Veterans Act of 2016: H.R. 4352, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program establishing a patient self-scheduling appointment system;

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Designating the Traverse City VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Traverse City, Michigan, as the “Colonel Demas T. Craw VA Clinic”: S. 3492, to designate the Traverse City VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Traverse City, Michigan, as the “Colonel Demas T. Craw VA Clinic”;

Pages H7245–46

Charles Duncan Buried with Honor Act of 2016: S. 3076, to amend title 38, United States Code, and to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish caskets and urns for burial in cemeteries of States and tribal organizations of veterans

without next of kin or sufficient resources to provide for caskets or urns; and

Pages H7246–47

Department of Veterans Affairs Emergency Medical Staffing Recruitment and Retention Act: H.R. 4150, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modify the hours of employment of physicians and physician assistants employed on a full-time basis by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Pages H7248–49

Extending the waiver of limitations with respect to excluding from gross income amounts received by wrongfully incarcerated individuals: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6438, to extend the waiver of limitations with respect to excluding from gross income amounts received by wrongfully incarcerated individuals.

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Question of Privilege: Representative Jordan rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a resolution. Subsequently, the Chair ruled that the resolution did present a question of the privileges of the House.

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Rejected the Pelosi motion to table the resolution, H. Res. 828, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 180 yeas to 235 yeas, Roll No. 607.

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Agreed to the Goodlatte motion to refer the resolution to the Committee on the Judiciary by a recorded vote of 342 yeas to 72 noes, Roll No. 608, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Providing for the printing of a revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress: The House agreed to H. Res. 945, to provide for the printing of a revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress.

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Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 34: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and concur in the Senate amendment to H. Con. Res. 174, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 34.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Arbuckle Project Maintenance Complex and District Office Conveyance Act of 2016: H.R. 1219, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and appurtenances of the Arbuckle Project, Oklahoma, to the Arbuckle Master Conservancy District; and

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Daniel J. Evans Olympic National Park Wilderness Act: S. 3028, to redesignate the Olympic Wilderness as the Daniel J. Evans Wilderness.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7190.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7249–50, H7250, H7251, H7253, and H7254. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

VOLKSWAGEN'S EMISSIONS CHEATING SETTLEMENT: QUESTIONS CONCERNING ZEV PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Volkswagen’s Emissions Cheating Settlement: Questions Concerning ZEV Program Implementation”. Testimony was heard from Cynthia Giles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency; and Janet McCabe, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency.

AMERICAN COMPASSION IN INDIA: GOVERNMENT OBSTACLES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “American Compassion in India: Government Obstacles”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STEP OR STUMBLE: THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S PIVOT TO ASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Step or Stumble: The Obama Administration’s Pivot to Asia”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING DECADES OF DATA MANIPULATION AT THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining Decades of Data Manipulation at the United States Geological Survey”. Testimony was heard from William Werkheiser, Deputy Director, U.S. Geological Survey.

THE FEDERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITION REFORM ACT (FITARA) SCORECARD 3.0: MEASURING AGENCIES' IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, held a joint hearing entitled “The Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) Scorecard 3.0: Measuring Agencies’ Implementation”. Testimony was heard from Luke McCormick, Chief Information Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Chip Fulghum, Deputy Under Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Frontis Wiggins, Chief Information Officer, Department of State; Douglas Pitkin, Director, Bureau of Budget and Planning, Department of State; and David A. Powner, Director, IT Management Issues, Government Accountability Office.

TRANSPARENT INSURANCE STANDARDS ACT OF 2016

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5143, the “Transparent Insurance Standards Act of 2016”. The committee granted, by record vote of 6–2, a structured rule for H.R. 5143. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–68 shall be considered as adopted, and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only the further amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, if offered by the Member designated in the report, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that on any legislative day after December 8, 2016: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. The rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed